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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/687,830	Applicant(s) ROSENBERG, LOUIS B.	
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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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 - If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 October 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 20 October 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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1. This Office action is in response to the application filed October 20, 2003. Claims 1-30 are pending.

2. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and, *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

3. Claims 1-30 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over some of the claims presented in U.S. Patent No. 5,825,308 and 6,232,891. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because of the following discussion.

Regarding claim 1, this claims is essentially a broader version of claim 1 in Patent 5,825,308. Anticipation has been held to epitomize obviousness.

Regarding claims 2-3 these claims recite the same limitation as claims 2-3 of Patent 5,825,308.

Regarding claim 4, this claims is essentially the same as claim 17 of Patent 5,825,308 without the use in an application program.

Regarding claims 5-6, see claims 19-20 of Patent 5,825,308.

Regarding claim 7, this claims is virtually identical to claim 51 of Patent 5,825,308 with minor changes in terminology.

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Regarding claims 8-11, these claims roughly correspond with claims 52-55. The differences, if any, are considered obvious.

Regarding claim 12, this claim is similar to claim 1 in Patent 6,232,891. The sensing step is considered obvious since the opposing force must be in response to a sensed movement.

Regarding claims 13-21, these claims correspond to claims 2-10 of Patent 6,232,891. The differences are considered obvious in view of the specification.

Regarding claim 22, this claim corresponds to claim 23 of Patent 6,232,891. Any differences are considered to make this claim broader in scope.

Regarding claims 23-25, these claims correspond to claims 24-26 of Patent 6,232,891. The uses of terms pitch vs frequency are considered synonymous.

Regarding claim 26, this claim corresponds to claim 28 of Patent 6,232,891. The term video parameter is considered obvious when compared with the term visual parameter.

Regarding claim 27-30, these claims correspond with claims 29-32 of Patent 6,232,891.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Albert K Wong whose telephone number is 571-272-3057. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Horabik can be reached on 703-305-4704. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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December 21, 2004